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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled OPTICAL CONNECTOR ALLOWING EASY POLISHING OF AN END FACE OF AN OPTICAL FIBER AND METHOD OF PROCESSING THE END FACE OF THE OPTICAL FIBER the specification of which (check one) x is attached hereto was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on (if applicable). [] | hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. Ifacknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. Lehereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or § 365(b)) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s) **Priority Claimed** 401463/2000 28 December 2000 Japan х (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) Yes No (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Number) (Country) Yes No П (Number) (Country) (Dav/Month/Year Filed) Yes No I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: (Application Number) (Filing Date) (Application Number) (Filing Date)

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